(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and University-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds returned by the South Campus of Delhi University to UGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Funds released during a financial year have to be utilised by the end of that year. As such, the question of not utilizing funds during the current financial year does not arise.

[English]

Water Sports in Pong Dam Lake

880. SHRI. SAT MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start water sports in Pong Dam Lake in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Integrated Development Project to Revive Hampi

881. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 400 crore Integrated Development of project to revive Hampi, a World Heritage Centre, has been posed to Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund for funding;

(b) if so, whether OECF delegation has sent any postitive signals to the Karnataka Government on the said project; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to get OECF funding for the project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir. The project for the Integrated Development of Hampi—A world heritage centre has been posed to Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund through Deptt. of Economic Affairs for funding. The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 396.2 crores of which around Rs. 300.00 crorcs are shown as investment eligible for OECF funding.

(b) The decision of the funding agencies is awaited. The project has been discussed in detail with OECF under the aegis of Deptt. of Economic Affaris. The Karnataka Govt. officers were also present.

(c) The Deptt. has already recommended for funding of the project.

Foreign Tourists

882. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM to be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists who visited India during last three years;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by the Government during the said period;

(c) the number of foreign tourists who visited J&K State;

(d) whether the Union Government have sanctioned some more projects for the development of tourism in the J&K State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) Total number of foreign tourists who visited India, J&K State and the estimated foreign exchange earning from tourism during last three years are as given below:

Year	Number of Foreign Tourists		Estimated foreign exchange earnings (Rs. Crores) (All India)
	India	J&K State	
1994	1886433	24622	7281.66
1995	2123683	20589	8633.30
1996	2287860	22628	10049.95

(d) and (e) The Department of Tourism of Government of India has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 403.54 lakhs for various tourism development projects in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years.

[Translation]

Fire Incidents in Major Forests

883. SHRI D. P. YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fire incidents in major forests of the country during the 1996-97, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to check the damage of forests assests caused by the fire; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The information is being collected from the state Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.